

## MR. SPRAGUE MAY RECOVER

Though Ill With Anthrax, a Serious Malady, It Is Hopeful He Will Get Well.

BUNCH LARGE AS HEN'S EGG

Operation Performed Which May Save the Life of the Patient. Married Richmond Girl.

The gratifying intelligence comes from Boston that Mr. George E. Sprague, who a few months ago married Miss Pizini, of this city, and who is ill with anthrax, will probably recover. The Boston Herald says of this interesting case:

The medical fraternity and the health officials of Lynn are anxiously awaiting the report of Professor Ernst, of Harvard, on the serum submitted to him for analysis, taken from the person of George E. Sprague, a well known business man of Lynn, who is believed to be a victim of anthrax. Dr. I. H. Chicoline, who attended the patient at the beginning of his illness, and Dr. George H. Gray, who was subsequently called in, are of the opinion that it is anthrax, as are also other physicians who have examined the bacilli taken from the patient and now in possession of Professor Ernst.

Mr. Sprague, who is treasurer of the Sprague and Breed Coal Company, of Lynn, and president of the Burnham Coal Company, of Boston, first experienced the development of the disease on Friday last, when a pimple appeared on the lower right jaw. It irritated him a great deal, and though he tried to resist the temptation, he could not refrain from scratching it. He finally opened it, and on Saturday it began to give him some pain. In the evening he called upon his family physician, Dr. Chicoline, who did not regard it as serious.

Sunday morning Mr. Sprague showed signs of fever, and Dr. Chicoline, who was called in, became somewhat alarmed, and Dr. Gray was called in consultation. They took some smear preparation from the patient, and prepared it for microscopic examination at the Lynn Hospital, and found unmistakable evidence of the existence of anthrax. Three hours later another smear proved that the bacilli had increased alarmingly.

BUNCH LARGE AS HEN'S EGG. About 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon the physicians decided that an operation was the only thing that would prevent the spread of the disease, and this was performed, a bunch as large as a hen's egg being removed from the patient's jaw. Since that time the patient has been resting comfortably, and the attending physicians believe he will recover.

How Mr. Sprague came to be infected with the disease is a mystery, and the doctors are trying to trace it to its source. It has been attributed to the bite of an insect, to the handling of infected money, and to other causes, but all of it is pure speculation. Mr. Sprague is a great lover of golf, and on Thursday evening was on the links of the Salem Country Club. It was on the following day that he noticed the irritation and the theory has been advanced that Mr. Sprague, while playing golf, might have been bitten by an insect which was infected with the disease, and communicated it to his victim. This theory is not regarded as a probable solution, and the physicians are looking elsewhere for it. They regard it as more likely that, in scratching the pimple and causing it to bleed, the germs of the disease were communicated through the cut, but that does not explain how Mr. Sprague happened to have the disease secreted about his finger nails. Some have attempted to account for this by attributing it to the handling of money by the patient, who, as treasurer of the Sprague and Breed Company, handles most of the money of that concern.

It is a tropical disease, and physicians say it comes primarily from South America, being brought into this country in skins shipped from South American countries. The disease is one of the most malignant with which physicians have to deal, and several deaths have taken place in Lynn among leather workers and others from this cause. There were six cases in Lynn last year, and during the past three years there have been eighteen cases.

TWO RECENT DEATHS IN LYNN. They originated in a Morocco shop at West Lynn, which handles large quantities of South American skins. The last victim of it was two brothers. One was a leather worker, the other was employed in the river works of the General Electric Company. The leather worker was the first to be taken ill, and two days after he died his brother was taken sick and also died. The latter, it was afterward learned, wore the clothing and used the razor of his dead brother, and it is presumed the disease was conveyed to him in this manner.

The State Board of Health for some time has been considering the best means of controlling the importation of the disease into this country through the skins which are shipped here, and during the present session of the Legislature legislation bearing upon this subject was introduced.

Dr. Chicoline stated to the Boston Herald reporter last evening that he was reasonably sure that Mr. Sprague was suffering from anthrax, though he would not state definitely until he had heard from Professor Ernst. As illustrating how the disease spreads, Dr. Chicoline stated that when he first saw Mr. Sprague Saturday evening the swelling was about the size of a hazel nut. On Sunday morning it was as large as an English walnut, and when the growth was removed it was as large as a hen's egg.

Wythe Delegates. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WYTHEVILLE, Va., June 4.—The following district delegates were elected in

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Port Chiswell District-Delegates: Dr. R. W. Sanders, W. S. Thorn, J. H. McGavock, R. C. Kent. The delegates in this district to appoint their own alternates.

Resolutions were passed endorsing Daniel for Vice-President, Samuel W. Williams as elector-at-large, Wyser for Congress, and adopted the unit rule.

URCHIN STOLE RING. Market Boy Gets Valuable Diamond, But Is Caught. There was great excitement for a while yesterday morning in the neighborhood of Ninth and Clay Streets, the cause of which was the theft of a valuable diamond ring, the property of Mrs. W. W. Timberlake, No. 816 East Clay, by a negro market boy about twelve years old.

The boy came to the residence of Mrs. Timberlake to bring some meat for dinner, and finding that no one was in the lady's chamber, he slipped in and stole a diamond ring valued at over \$100, and was proceeding to make his escape.

The alarm was given and a warm chase followed. Just before the boy was caught he threw the ring away, but it was found, and the little thief turned over to Sergeant John T. Hall, who took him to the First Police Station.

GENUINE NEGROES.

Giles B. Jackson Will Have Natives at the Exposition.

Giles B. Jackson, the colored lawyer and president of the American Industrial Association, which is an auxiliary to the Jamestown Exposition Company, on yesterday applied to the Secretary of the Commonwealth for a certified copy of the charter of the concern, and he stated that he desired it for use in securing from distant Africa some native negroes for exhibit at the great Exposition, to take place on Hampton Roads in 1907.

Jackson says he will send a representative into the heart of Africa and get some real negroes in the savage state and put them on exhibition.

New Terms Begun.

The June term of the Hustings and Chancery Courts will begin at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

It will be grand jury day in the forenoon.

## PIONEER IN EDUCATION

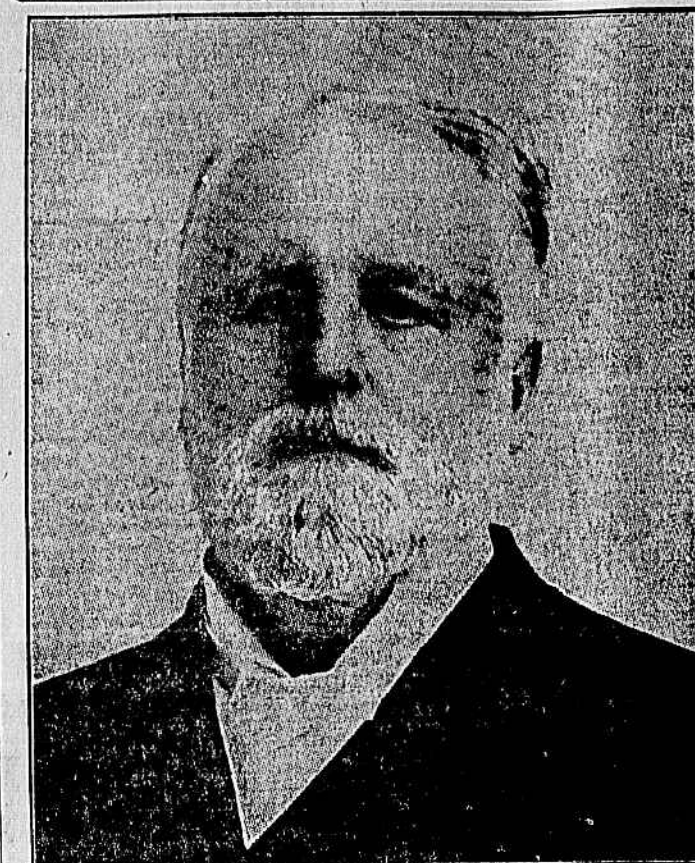
Woman's College Early Took Leading Part in Higher Training for Women.

SCHOOL OF HIGHEST TYPE

Secretary of State Board of Education So Characterizes This Institution.

The Woman's College of Richmond, one of the institutions of which all the people of the capital city of Virginia have just reason to be proud, will with the close of the present session complete the fiftieth year of its existence.

In 1854, the Rev. Dr. Basil Manly, a native of South Carolina, and a graduate of Princeton College, resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Richmond to accept the presidency of the Richmond Female Institute, then just established. Dr. Manly's father had been



REV. JAMES NELSON, D. D., President of the Woman's College.

president of the University of Alabama, and is said to have been the first man in this country to advocate the establishment of schools that would give to women the same advantages as were given to men. His distinguished son had an abiding faith in the same policy, and in assuming charge of the Richmond Female Institute, said he "wished to see the women of the Commonwealth have the same educational advantages as were afforded to men at our noble University."

Dr. Manly held the position of president of the institute until just before the outbreak of the Civil War, when he resigned to accept a professorship in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C.

He was succeeded by Professor Charles H. Winston, the accomplished professor of physics in Richmond College; but the Civil War soon came on, and the buildings of the institute were taken by the Confederate government for hospital purposes. At the close of the war the Federal authorities occupied the buildings, and Professor Winston re-

opened the school in the historic John Marshall mansion, at the corner of Ninth and Marshall Streets, now occupied by the Department of Public Instruction. Soon after the war Professor Winston accepted the chair of natural science in Richmond College and resigned the presidency of the institute, in which he was succeeded by Professor John Hart, a distinguished master of arts, graduate of the University, and he, in turn, was succeeded by Miss Sally Hamner.

DR. NELSON PRESIDENT. After passing through varying seasons of prosperity and adversity, the Rich-

mond Female Institute, just thirteen years ago passed into the hands of the Rev. Dr. James Nelson, whom the board of trustees chose as president, and invested with large powers of administration and expansion. The name was changed from the Richmond Female Institute to the Woman's College, of Richmond, the course of study was made wider and more thorough, and the charter was so amended as to provide for the conferring of regular collegiate degrees. The newly elected president was admirably qualified for the work he was to undertake. A native of the county of Louisa, he had received his collegiate training at Richmond College and the Columbian University. He had been pastor of prominent churches in Staunton and Farmville, and had been the leader in the movement to establish the State Normal School at the latter place.

Hon. W. W. Baker, who has represented the county of Chesterfield so long and so efficiently in the House of Delegates, and who was a member of the General Assembly in 1853-1854, when the bill for the establishment of the Female Normal School was introduced and carried through, recently told this writer that the bill could never have become a law without the powerful aid of Dr. James Nelson, who came to Richmond, pleaded with the members of the General Assembly, and never relaxed his efforts until the bill had passed both branches of that body in spite of the stubborn opposition of some of the most powerful and influential men in the Commonwealth. Mr. Baker, Hon. Henry R. Pollard, Judge A. Brown Evans and Hon. Edmund W. Hubbard were among those who supported the bill in the General Assembly, and all of them bear willing testimony to the powerful aid that Dr. Nelson brought to the measure. In recognition of his valuable services in

this matter, Dr. Nelson was appointed on the first board of visitors to the school and he has been reappointed by every successive Governor. It was doubtless his connection with the successful movement to establish the State Normal School, as well as his culture, fine business capacity and delightful personality, that determined the board of trustees to put Dr. Nelson at the head of the Woman's College.

NOTABLE SUCCESS. From the day that Dr. Nelson accepted the presidency of the college he has given his entire time and all his energies to the upbuilding of the institution, and wonderful success has crowned his efforts. There are now more than two hundred and seventy students in the college, and many more would have been enrolled if there had been room for them. Dr. Nelson, at the beginning of the current session, provided out of his own private means room for twenty-five students. Under his wise administration the financial condition of the college has become as solid and substantial as that of any in-

stitution in the Commonwealth. This wonderful success is due solely to the wise policy adopted and pursued by Dr. Nelson and the able corps of instructors with whom he has surrounded himself. No one can go into the lecture rooms, as this writer has done, without being impressed with the thoroughness of the work done in all the departments. Every instructor in the college has received the best training for the work in his or her department, and all of them have by ample experience demonstrated their fitness for their respective tasks. It would be impossible in the narrow scope of this article to describe the preparation and

work of each one of the twenty-six professors and instructors of the college, but it may not be out of place to mention a few of them, with a brief statement of the training and experience of each.

Beginning with the ladies, we have first to mention the lady principal of the college, Miss Marion C. Forbes, a full graduate of the State Female Normal School and a teacher of large and successful experience in some of the best female schools of the State, who, in addition to her regular duties, teaches several classes in mathematics with great success.

At the head of the department of English literature stands Miss Mary Carter Anderson, herself a master of arts graduate of the Woman's College, whose long and distinguished services in the college and whose popularity with all the students fully attest her scholarship and efficiency as a teacher.

The chair of Latin is filled by Dr. Garnett Nelson, a master of arts of the University of Virginia, who has had experience as a teacher in St. Albans School, at Radford; the Episcopal High School, and McGuire's University School, in this city.

HISTORY AND METRICS.

The higher classes in history and mathematics are taught by Professor Christopher Garnett, a master of arts of the University of Virginia, who, in addition to having been principal of the Marion Military Academy and having taught two years in the Belleville High School, in Bedford, has been connected with the Woman's College for the past four years.

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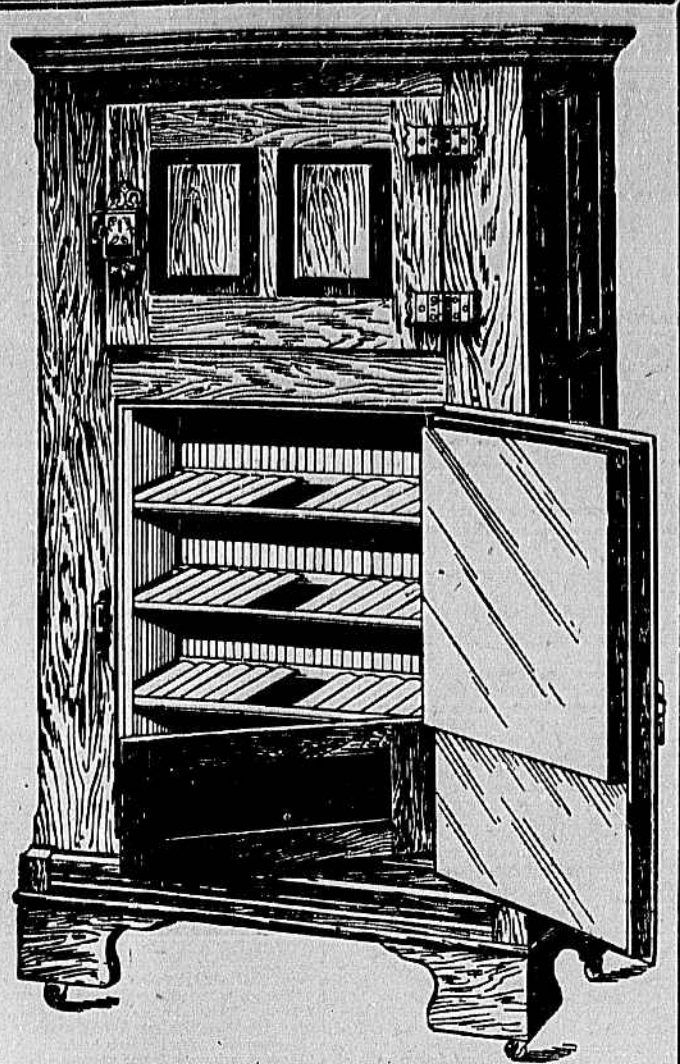
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## CONFIDENCE IN ONE'S WATCH

He has recently been appointed associate editor of the Virginia Law Register. The department of English language is presided over by Dr. W. A. Shepard, a distinguished graduate of Washington and Lee University, who has taught with great success in several of the private schools of this city.

Professor Robert H. Stewart, a master of arts and doctor of philosophy of the University of Virginia, and a teacher of wide and successful experience, is in charge of the classes in French and German. Dr. C. M. Baggerly, a bachelor of arts of Randolph-Macon College, and a successful teacher in this State and in North Carolina, is assistant in the department of Latin.

In the important department of natural science, for which a new lecture room and new apparatus have recently been provided, Professor M. A. Martin, a bachelor of arts of Richmond College, who has taken a two-year course of post-graduate work in the University of Chicago, is the principal instructor. He had two years' experience before coming to Richmond, and he has had two years in the Woman's College.

The primary department is taught by Miss Katherine Ryland and Miss M. A. Garlick, both of whom have had the best training and the amplest experience. The art department, under the charge of Miss Laura J. Bacon, has reached a high degree of efficiency and popularity, while all the branches of music are taught by nine professors and instructors with a thoroughness and skill that would do high credit to more ambitious institutions.

SERVICE FIRST OF ALL.

It will thus be seen that the studies in the Woman's College come full circle to meet the requirements set up by Lord Bacon to serve for instructions, ornament and delight. But in all the departments show is made subservient and subordinate to service. Honesty and thoroughness characterize all the work done in this institution. A notable feature of the college is the great stress that is laid on the study of the English language and literature.

Another striking feature of the institution is the admirable discipline that prevails among the students, who, whether in the class-room, on the grounds, or on the streets, exhibit all the qualities of well-bred and properly trained young ladies.

Equally notable in the fine moral and religious influence of the school. While the college is under the patronage and control of the Baptist Church, it is in no sense sectarian. Young ladies of all the creeds of Christendom feel equally at home within its walls.

In tracing the history and progress of this excellent institution of learning, one is forcibly reminded of the fine saying of Emerson, that every institution is but the lengthened shadow of some man. Surely the Woman's College of Richmond in its present efficient and successful condition is what Dr. Nelson and his able corps of teachers have, under the liberal policy of the board of trustees, been able to make it.

FRANK P. BRENT, Secretary State Board of Education.

OUTPUT FROM KLONDIKE SINCE MAY 8 ENORMOUS

(By Associated Press.) SEATTLE, WASH., June 4.—A Dawson special to the Post-Intelligencer says:

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